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**MOUNT WASHINGTON CITIZENS INVITED TO ATTEND MEETING
REGARDING MOUNT EVERETT SUMMIT PLAN**

The Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) is inviting local residents to attend a meeting with the Mount Washington Board of Selectmen and other local boards and commissions on Monday, March 14, 2005. Beginning at 7:00 p.m., the DCR will present and discuss preliminary findings and recommendations for the management of the summit of Mount Everett, a portion of the 1,100-acre Mount Everett Reservation.

In keeping with its mandate to develop an overall management plan for the Summit, DCR is looking to solicit public comments regarding management goals, issues, and recommendations for the summit area. Priority topics include the ecological significance and sensitivity of the summit, continued scientific research and monitoring, and recreational use and access, including hiking along the Appalachian Trail and access to the summit from other parts of the Reservation.

The meeting will take place in the Mount Washington Town Hall. A second meeting is tentatively scheduled to take place in May, 2005. For further information, please contact Richard Thibedeau at 617-626-1396 or Leslie Luchonok at 413-586-8706, ext. 21.

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